[HOUSE BILL.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 12, 1864.—Ordered to be printed.

SUBSTITUTE

Of Mr. BOTELER for Mr. WILCOX'S bill.

An Act to provide for the payment of horses killed, captured, lost or permanently disabled in the Confederate States service.

SECTION. 1. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do T enact. That any regular or volunteer, field, staff or other commis-2 3 sioned officer, or mounted volunteer, ranger, cavalry or mounted militia, engaged in the military service of the Confederate States 4 since the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and 5 sixty-one, who has or shall sustain damage, without any fault or 6 negligence on his part, whilst in the regular and proper discharge of 7 his duty, by the loss of a horse killed in battle, or which having 8 been wounded in battle, has since died, or become permanently 9 disabled by said wound, or being so wounded, shall have been or 10 shall be consequently abandoned by order of his immediate com-11 12 manding officer and lost, or who shall sustain damage by the loss 13 of a horse by an unavoidable accident or capture, or by abandonment by order of his immediate commanding officer, or because 14 the rider or owner was dismounted or separated from his horse 15

by order of his officer, and on duty in the field or station detached from his horse, or by the loss of the usual and necessary equippage in consequence of the loss of his horse as aforesaid, shall be allowed and paid the value thereof, which shall be ascertained by satisfactory evidence, under rules and regulations furnished by the Secretary of War, according to the appraised value at the time of their muster into service.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That horses disabled in action, or 1 by other casualties of the service whilst the soldier is in the 2 regular and proper discharge of his duty, shall be turned over to 3 the quartermaster of his post, regiment, brigade or division, 4 as the case may be, to be sold for the benefit of the Confederate 5 States, and their owners shall be allowed compensation for them 6 according to their appraised value, under the rules to be pre-7 scribed as af:resaid. 8

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